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Westminster, MD (4/2/2020) – The Carroll County Health Department today announced additional cases of COVID-19 in the county.

There are six additional community cases: a man in his 20s, a man in his 50s, and four women in their 50s. Six Carroll County residents who tested positive for COVID-19 have been released from isolation, meaning they are considered recovered from the disease after 3 days without symptoms or fever without medication, and at least 7 days since symptoms began.

Three additional residents have been found to be positive at Carroll Lutheran Village, a man in his 90s and two women in their 90s. The Health Department and the Maryland Department of Health continue to work closely with Carroll Lutheran Village to discuss infection control, conservation of personal protective equipment, disinfection and cleaning, patient care and isolation, and communications. Carroll Lutheran Village continues to monitor all residents and team members and require anyone exhibiting symptoms to self-isolate and seek medical care if needed.

All resident test results have now been reported from Pleasant View Nursing Home. There are 77 total positive COVID-19 cases among facility residents. Eighteen of the facility's 95 residents tested negative. Eighteen staff at Pleasant View have tested positive; 24 have tested negative; 21 results are pending. The Health Department will follow up with individuals as indicated.

The Health Department continues to have a physician on site at Pleasant View to monitor patients, and continues to provide administrative support and resources to help protect the health and safety of Pleasant View Mount Airy patients and health care workers. Support has been provided by many local and state partners, including staffing and equipment from Carroll Hospital and oxygen concentrators from the Maryland Department of Health. Pleasant View administrative staff continue to provide support for patients and families. Maryland Responds volunteers have also been serving at the site.

The Carroll County Health Department held a conference call Monday, March 30th with the county's long-term care facilities to increase their preparedness for COVID-19. On March 10, the Maryland Department of Health <u>issued guidance</u> for long-term and continuing care facilities. Information and resources regarding COVID-19 are available at <u>coronavirus.maryland.gov</u> or <u>cchd.maryland.gov/covid-19</u>.

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